sri AZEEZ SAIT (Minister for Labour).—

(*a*) 592 Kms.

(*b*) 628 Kms.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Two contract carriages owned by private operators are running between Bagalkot and Bangalore.

No contract carriages are plying directly from Bijapur to Bangalore.

(*e*) Luxury bus is not proposed to be operated from Bijapur to Bangalore *via* Bagewadi, Muddebihal and Narayanapur Dam.

However in the interest of travelling public of Bagewadi, Muddebihal and Narayanpur Dam, an express Bus service from Bijapur to Bellary connecting Bellary-Bangalore service will be provided.

FACILITIES EXTENDED TO LABOUR CONTRACTORS AND CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

No. 86 Sri M. H. JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN (Sirsi).—Will the Minister for Public works and Electricity be pleased to state.

(*a*) whether there is a Government order to extend certain facillties and assistanee to Labour Contract and Construction Co-operative Societies in the State of Mysore.

(*b*) if so, the reason for not renewing the Government order for the current year.

(*c*) whether these facilities would be extended to such of those Societies that are certified as best societies (functioning well and the activities are also good) during the current year (1973-74).

Sri H. M, CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity)

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) The question as to what concessions should be extended to Labour Contract and Construciton Co-operative Societies is separately under consideration of Government.

RESERVATION OF POSTS TO SC/ST IN TALUK BOARDS

No. 93 Sri M. H. JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN (Sirsi).—Will the Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare be pleased to state.